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re: HB 5370 AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE.

HI this is new to me writing to you but this bill is important to me, I am a small farm that employs 4 season workers. This bill would greatly impact me that I would not be able to compete with other farm out of state that would have a big difference in what they pay there worker and when they ship there product (apples), they could do it at a lower price then I could ... I would have to drop my price so I could sell mine this difference will end up breaking me and in the end cause me to quiet farming .... I am the 4th generation at my family farm and it kill me to say I am not optimist of the furfure when I see bill like this that really don't help no one because like me it will cost business more money to run there company and in the end they have to raise there prices and in the end the hire wages the people would get will got to higher cost of living. I want my worker to be happy and I need them to do a good job and when I can I give them increase pay if it in my budge but I need to make a profit too otherwise why should I keep working 7 days a week to lose money..... In closing I hope you say no to HB 5370 thanks and any question please feel free to contact me thanks again for your time. Doug Bussa Bussa Orchards. South Glastonbury 360, 657, 4172